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Dr. Livers Elected President –Elect of ACA

Dr. Mary Livers has been elected President-Elect of the American Correctional Association (ACA). She will serve a two-year (2013 and 2014) term as President-Elect and then step into the position of President of ACA for a two year term in 2015 and 2016.

The President-Elect's duties include presiding over the Board of Governors, the Delegate Assembly meeting and annual Congress of Corrections. The President-Elect also gives ACA committees their charge and performs other administrative duties assigned by the Board of Governors or the President.

"I am deeply humbled and privileged to serve ACA as President-Elect, and I will promote the values of ACA for the best interest of all of our members," said Dr. Livers. "I have been a member of the organization for many years and have seen the association's contributions to the professional development of its members, as well as its positive impact on sound correctional policy."

OJJ Northern Regional Director Carolyn B. Lewis was elected to the ACA Delegate Assembly as the Juvenile Probation Representative.

Other Louisiana ACA members elected to office include **Angola Warden Burl Cain**, elected the Correctional Administration-Adult Representative on the Board of Governors, and **Angola Deputy Warden Darrel Vannoy**, elected as the Institutions-Adult Representative to the Delegate Assembly.

Founded in 1870, ACA is the oldest association of corrections practitioners in the United States and Europe. ACA is a prestigious national and international organization representing approximately 20,000 corrections professionals in all disciplines, and promotes education, professionalism and excellence in the field of corrections. The organization comprises 100 state and student chapters and affiliates, representing some 25 disciplines including adult and juvenile corrections.

ACA's greatest strength is development of national standards and implementation of the accreditation process, through which agencies are able to maintain a balance between protecting the public and providing an environment that safeguards the life, health and safety of staff and offenders. ACA standards reflect practical, up-to-date policies and procedures, and function as a management tool for over 1,500 correctional agencies throughout the nation. According to ACA, approximately 80 percent of all state departments of corrections and youth services are active participants, as well as programs and facilities operated by the private sector and the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Standing and ad hoc committees include Affirmative Action, Professional Education Council, Ethics, Health Care, International Relations, Legal Issues, Legislative Affairs, Membership, Military Affairs, Standards, Adult Corrections, Adult Local Detention, Civil Detention, Clean and Green, Committee on Correctional Training, Community Corrections, Correctional Intelligence Task Force, Disproportionate Minority Confinement Task Force, Disturbance Preparedness, Facility Design, Industries, Juvenile Corrections, Mental Health, Probation and Parole, Religion, Restorative Justice/Victims, Staff Safety, Student Affairs, Substance Abuse, Technology, Women Working in Corrections and Workforce/Human Resources Issues.

There are a number of dual-membership chapters of ACA, which are geographical affiliates representing disciplines engaged in corrections or related fields, within a geographical area, including the Louisiana Correctional Association and the Southern States Correctional Association. Dual membership means that members in an organization that is an ACA affiliate are automatically members of the national organization as well.

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